

Ballarat Gift Update

With only five weeks to the most exciting week to happen in Professional Athletics in Australia, the Ballarat Athletic Club wishes to announce some important developments for its meeting.

The Ballarat Athletic Club has always lived by the motto that it's "...a club run by runners for the runners." With that in mind we have always endeavoured to offer a variety of events that caters for all level of athletes from Juniors to Veteran's.

This year in the VAL, the distance events, particularly the mile, have been heavily supported by all runners. Due to these increased numbers the club has decided to split the event into Backmarker and Frontmarker divisions.

The Backmarkers will be of \$3000 and will have a limit of 160m. Entry for this event will be \$20.

The Frontmarkers division will be of \$1000 and will have an open limit. The marks will be taken from scratch. Entry for this event will be \$14.

Runners handicapped at 160m or below will be in the Backmarkers division while those above 160m will run in the Frontmakers. Those runners around the limit will be allocated into the appropriate division when handicaps are declared as will be the case in the 800m. We trust that the distance runners will embrace this concept to allow for the greater numbers that have been running this year.

In addition we have evaluated our limits in a number of events with the view of catering for all abilities. The Novice 120m, Veteran's 120m, Veteran's 300m, 400m Frontmarkers, 800m Frontmarkers and 3200m will all have open limits.

Please keep posted for more exciting developments in the coming weeks on what looms as a most exciting phase in Australian Professional Athletics.